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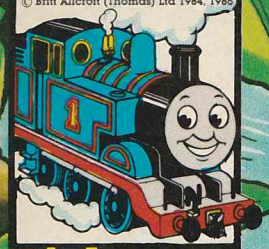

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Happy New Year!

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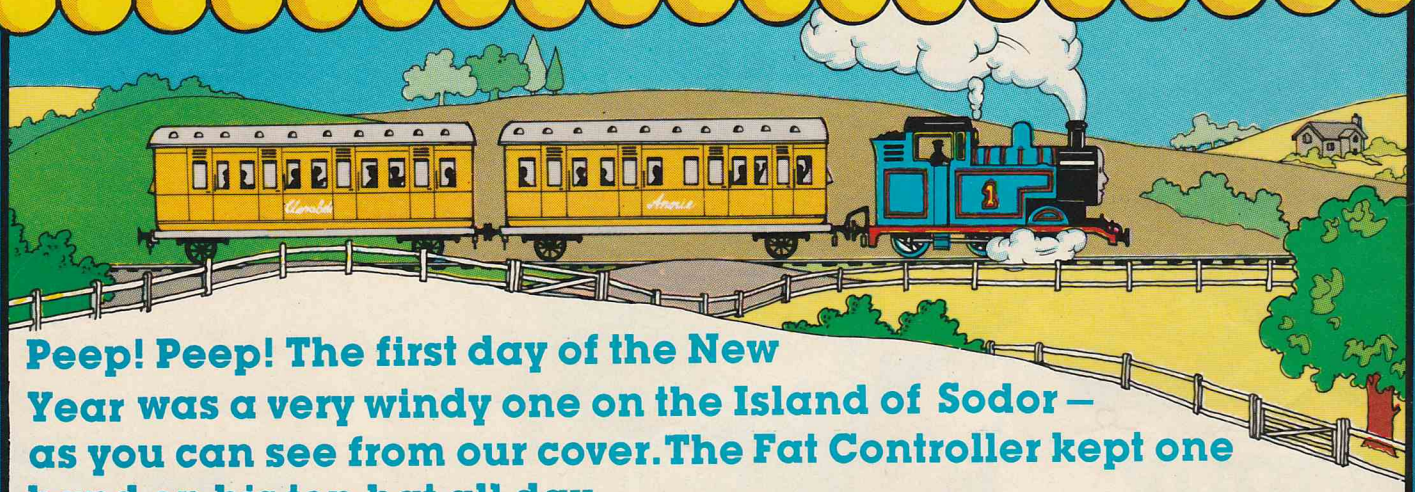

Peep! Peep! The first day of the New Year was a very windy one on the Island of Sodor – as you can see from our cover. The Fat Controller kept one hand on his top hat all day.

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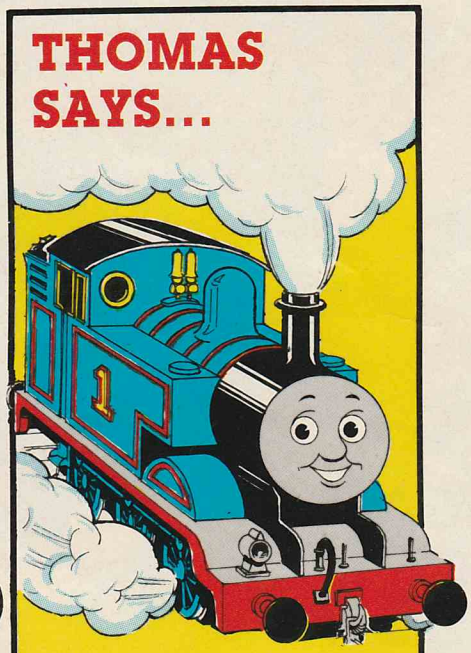

I'm a Really Useful engine!

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In our next issue: Oh dear! Little Thomas makes Gordon very cross!

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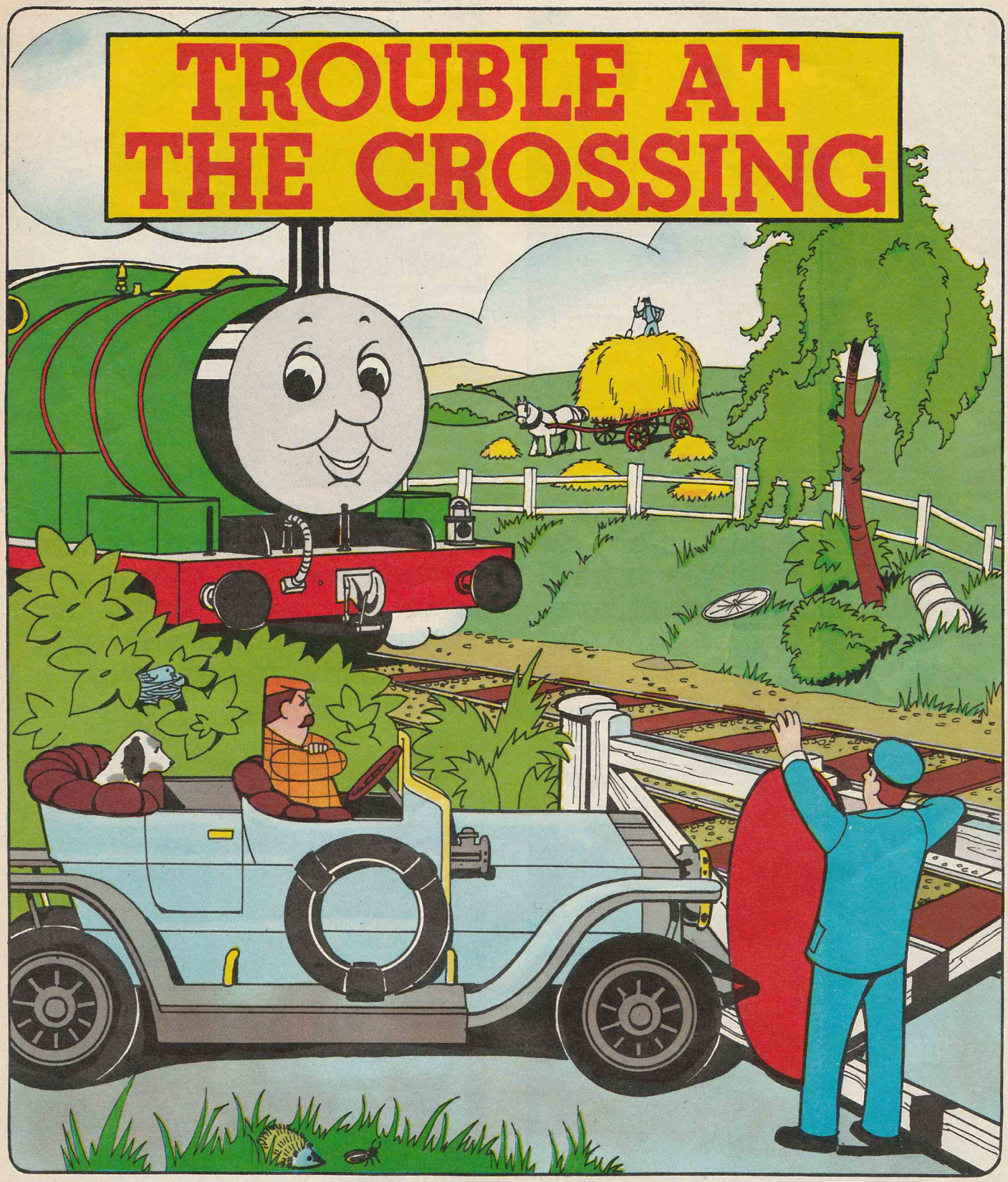
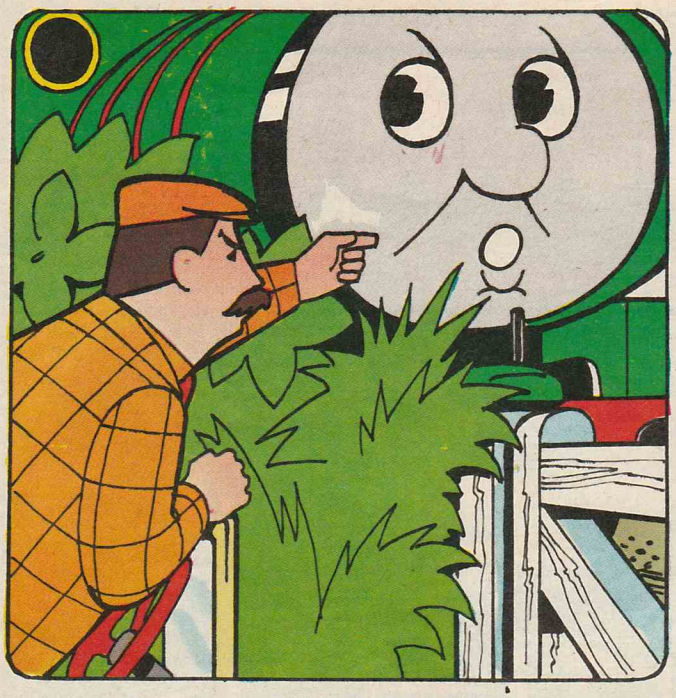
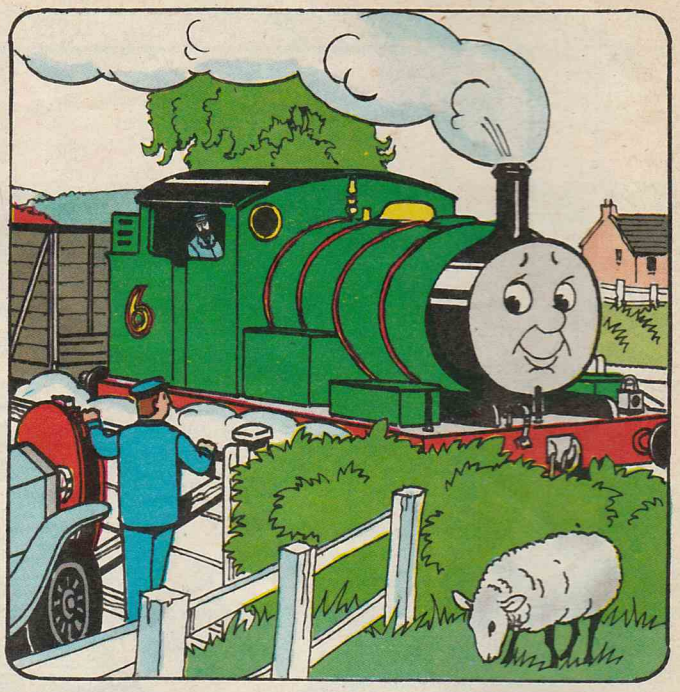


1. Percy was chuffing along one morning pulling some trucks. He was coming towards a level crossing where a car was waiting for him to pass.

2. Percy was slowing down and said hello to the man who opened and closed the gates of the level crossing. The man waved back cheerily.

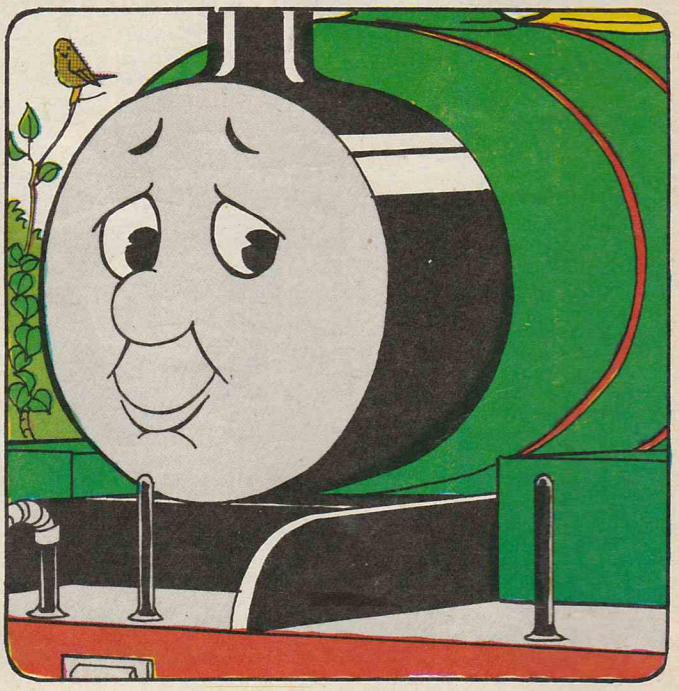


3. But the driver of the car stood up and shouted at Percy. "Get a move on you silly engine! I can't wait here all day!" he called, and he shook his fist angrily.



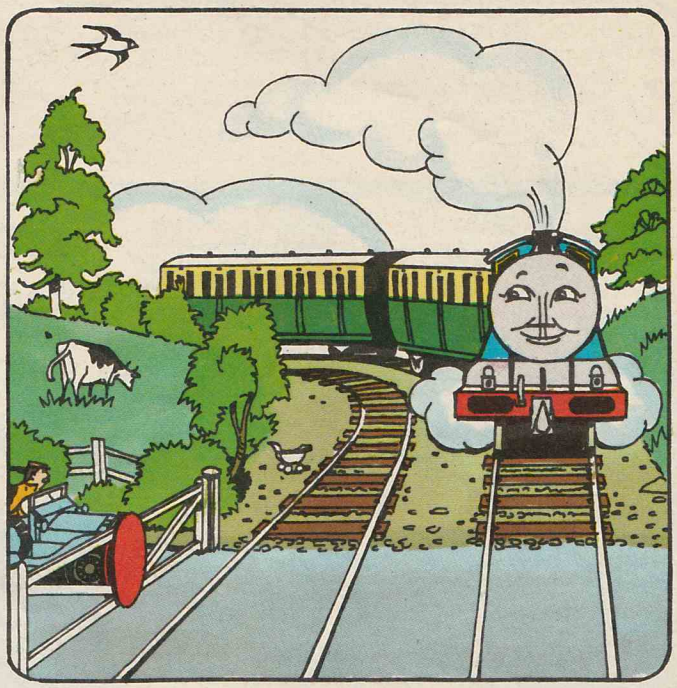
4. This rather surprised Percy. He was not used to people being so rude. He said nothing and hurried away down the line, leaving the angry man behind him.

5. Percy arrived back at the yard still looking upset. Gordon saw him and asked, "What is the matter with you, little Percy? What has happened to that cheeky grin?"



6. Percy told Gordon what had happened. "A nasty man in a car shouted at me to hurry up at the level crossing. So I did as fast as I could."

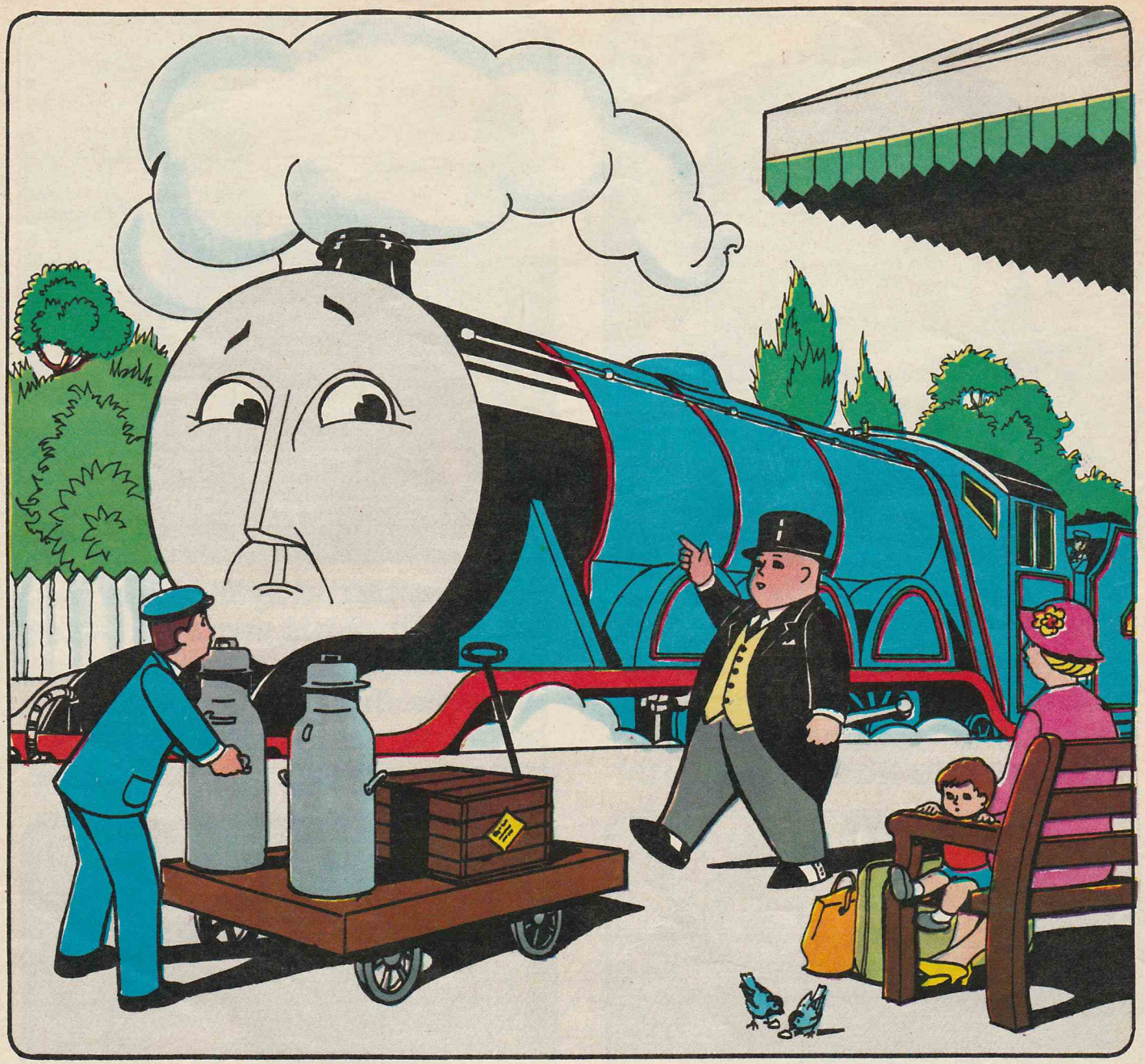
7. "Huh!" said Gordon. "Running away like that is no good at all. You really should have told him to mind his manners. I certainly would have done."



8. Later that day Gordon set off pulling his train. At the level crossing he saw the man in the car on his way home, again waiting for the gates to open.

9. "Now I will see if he dares say anything to a fine engine like **me**," thought Gordon. As his Driver shut off steam Gordon glared at the car.

10. Sure enough, the man stood up in his car and said, "Get out of my way, you great, big, blue kettle!" Gordon's Driver was so surprised he forgot to release the brake.



11. Gordon stopped. "Great, big, blue kettle? I will have you know that I am a fine engine, the fastest on this railway!" he said. "Well, you are not going very fast now!" shouted the man, as Gordon's driver struggled to get up steam. "How dare you talk to me like that!" continued the man. I will have to speak to your Controller!"

12. Gordon snorted. "If you are in a hurry you should travel by train," he said grandly as he moved off, leaving the car in a cloud of steam. Later that day the Fat Controller told Gordon off. He had heard all about what had happened. "You are a bad engine," he said. "Never be rude to anybody, whatever they say to you."

The story continues on page 17!

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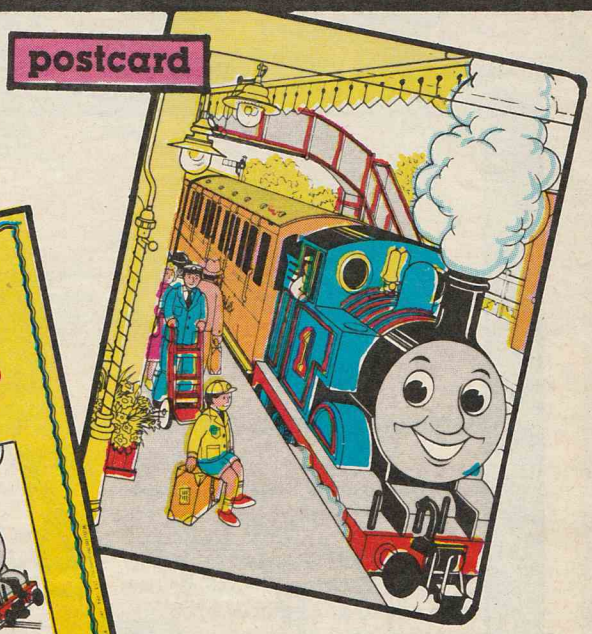

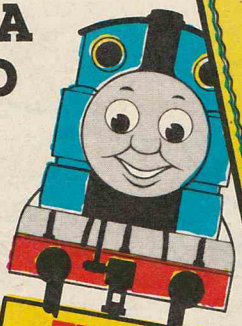

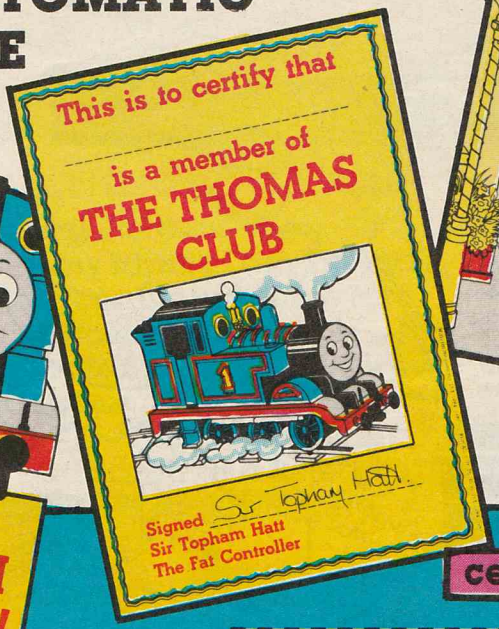

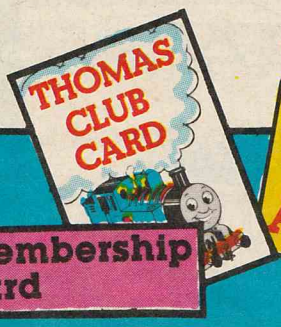

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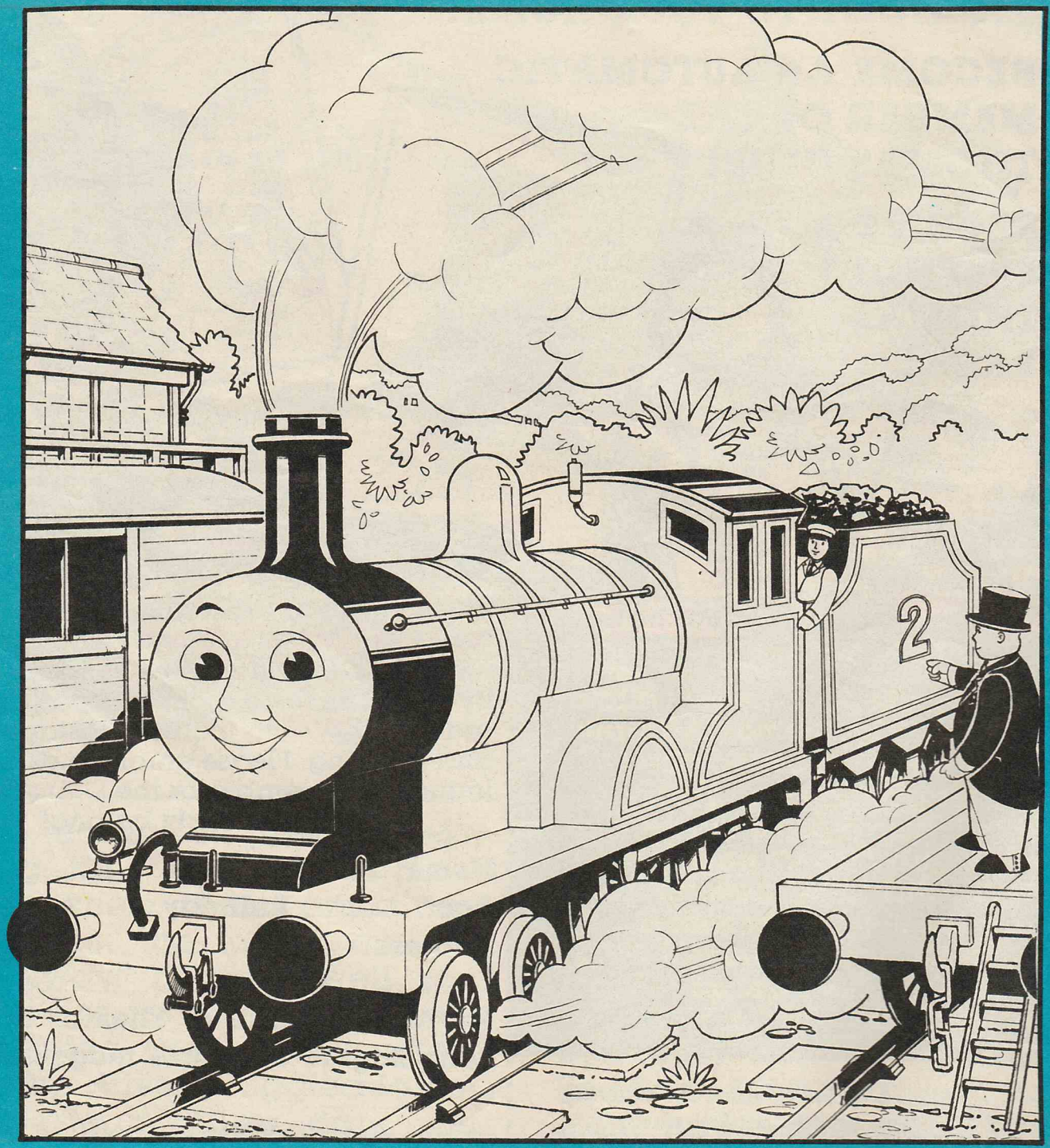
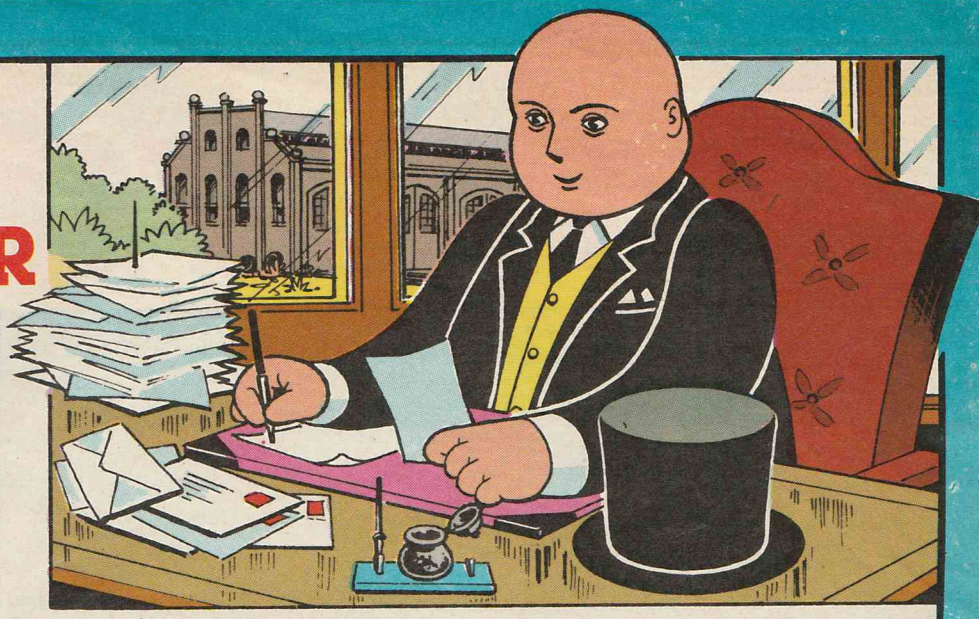


Here's a picture of Edward for you to colour! He is a Really Friendly Engine, isn't he?

Write to the FAT CONTROLLER



Have you got an amusing story to tell? Do you have a question you would like to ask about Thomas – or any of the other engines? Then why not write to me at the address below? I should be so very pleased to hear from you!

STAR LETTER!

Dear Fat Controller,

At school we play Thomas the Tank Engine and I am always Thomas because my name is Thomas. When playtime is over we say the engines have to go to work.

Love from **Thomas**, aged 5.

I'm sure you are a Very Useful Engine, Thomas.

Thomas wins a set of Thomas the Tank Engine vinyl stickers from Scorpio Products International Ltd.

GOOD OR BAD!

Dear Fat Controller,

When your engines are good I like them, and if they are not, I don't.

From **Tony**, aged 6.

Hmm . . . Yes, Tony, I see.

ALL IN THE FAMILY!

Dear Fat Controller,

In my family I am Thomas, my mummy is Annie and Clarabel, Grandad is Gordon, Mamma is Bertie the bus, Auntie Carole is Daisy, Uncle Ron is Toby and Sarah and Peter are Edward and Percy. We think it is fun.

From **Matthew**, aged 4

Yes, but a little confusing at times, eh, Matthew?

TRAIN SPOTTING!

Dear Fat Controller,

I go to Westbury Station a lot to spot trains and get numbers with my Daddy and Grandad. Did you go train spotting too, when you were young?

Love from **Simon**, aged 5.

Indeed I did, Simon. In fact, I still have all my old notebooks full of train numbers. I would never throw them away, you know.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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Yours,

Sir Topham Hatt.

the Fat Controller.

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Snowdrift!

Point to Thomas!

How many men are on the bridge?

What are they doing?

What colour is Terence the tractor?

What can you see on top

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Note for parents

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Next: Time for a rest!

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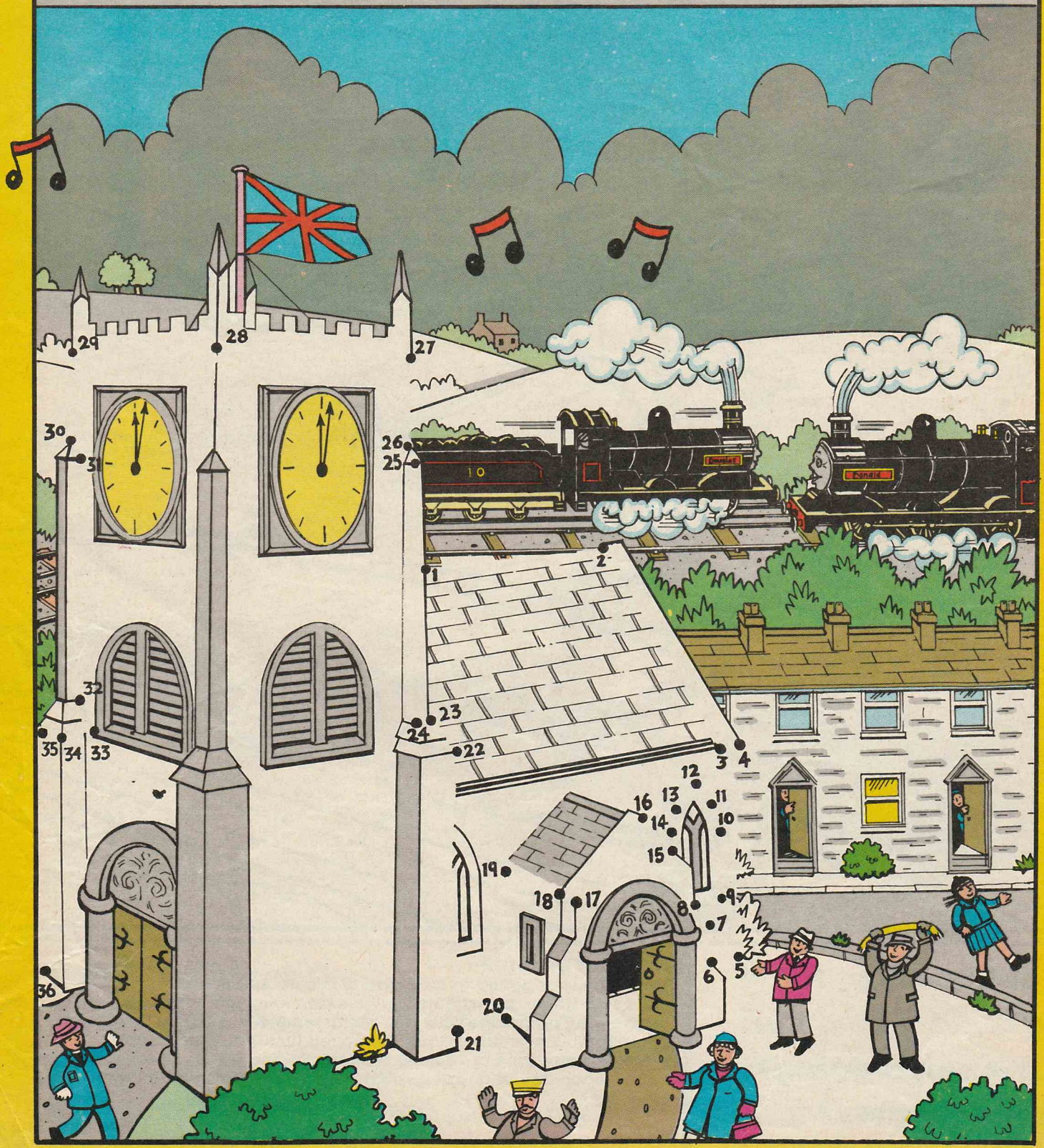

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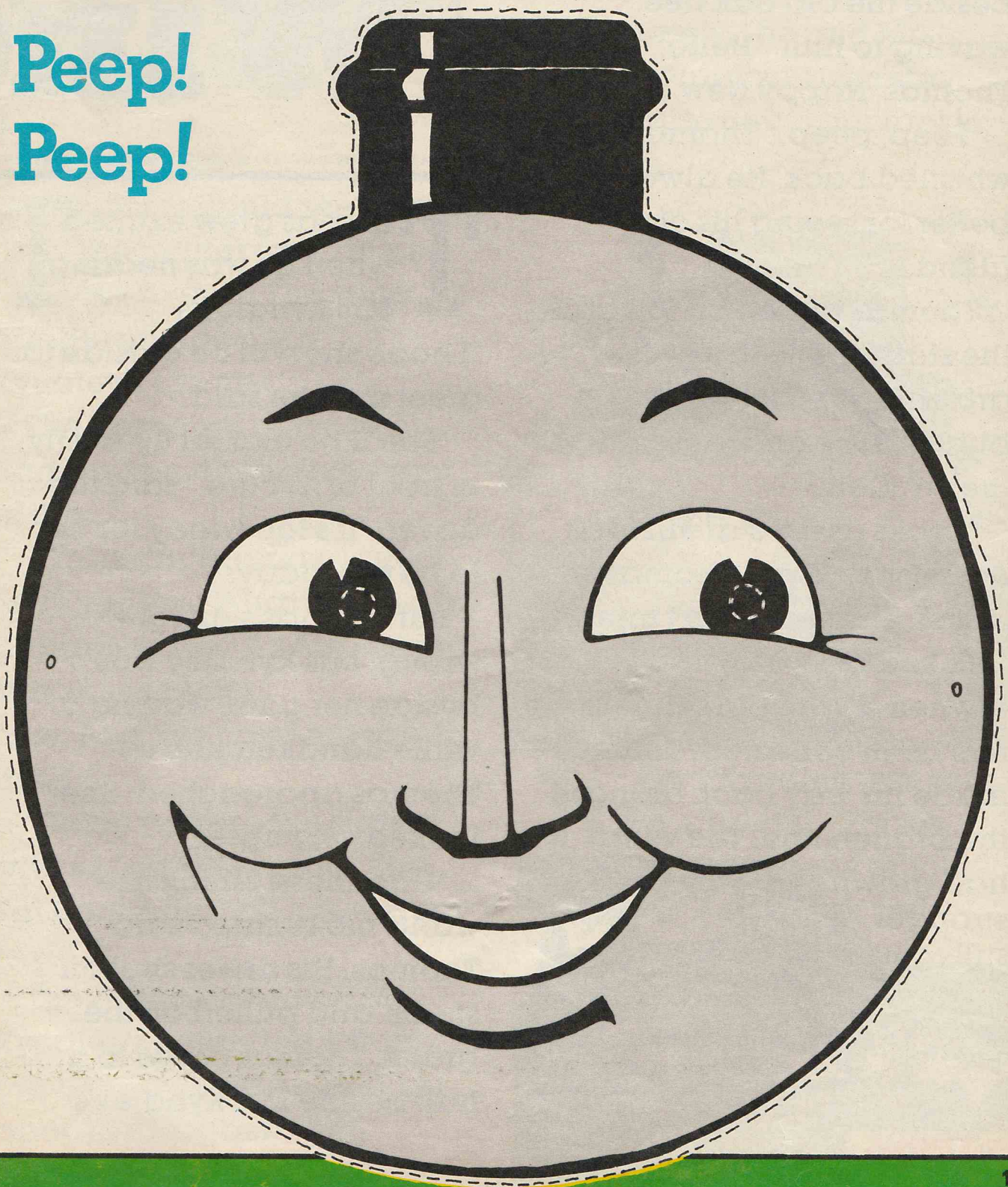
Peep!



A read-aloud story!

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Windy

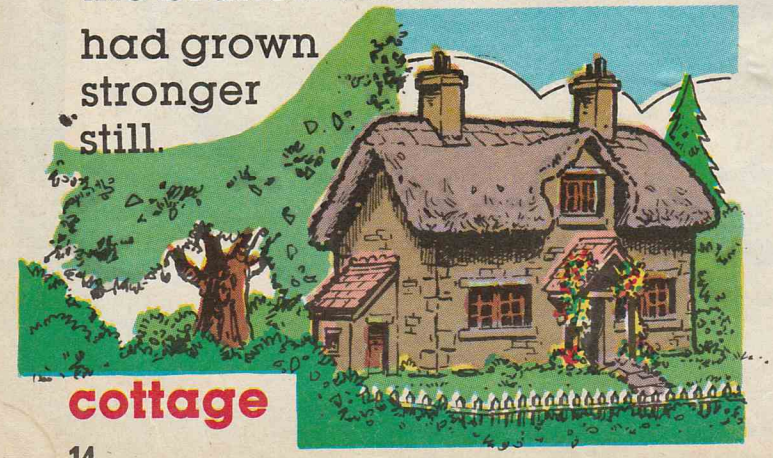
One very windy day, Thomas was pulling his coaches to the next station to pick up passengers. Mrs Kyndley was standing outside her cottage beside the old oak tree, waving to him. "Hello, Thomas. Happy New Year!"

"Peep, peep," Thomas whistled back. He always felt better for seeing his old friend.

Thomas puffed on towards the station. The wind was growing very fierce. It buffeted the coaches until they rattled.

"Looks as if we are in for a nasty gale," said Thomas's driver. Thomas didn't mind. He liked the wind.

When all the passengers has been collected, Thomas made his way back along the branch line. The wind had grown stronger still.



cottage

Thomas grew excited when he was nearing Mrs Kyndley's cottage "I hope she will be outside to greet me," he said.

"She'll be tucked up cosily in front of her fire," said the driver. "It's too windy for her to be out today."

But Thomas's driver was wrong. Mrs Kyndley was beside her gate, waving a white handkerchief as Thomas approached. She looked very upset.

"Goodness! I think she wants me to stop," said Thomas. His driver shut off steam and pulled on the brake. Thomas came to a halt beside Mrs Kyndley's cottage

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Thomas could see what the matter was. "Bless my buffers. The wind has blown down Mrs Kyndley's old tree."

The branches of the tree had broken through the roof of the cottage.

"Oh, dear, Thomas," cried Mrs Kyndley. "What's going to happen to me? It's too cold to stay in my pretty cottage now. And I've nowhere else to live."

"Come back to the station with us," said Thomas. "The Fat Controller will know what to do."

The guard collected Mrs Kyndley's belongings from the cottage, and helped her aboard Clarabel. Then Thomas puffed back to the station.

When the Fat Controller heard what had happened, he was most concerned. "I will get workmen out to your cottage to remove the tree immediately," he told Mrs Kyndley, "and you can stay at my house until your roof is repaired."

Mrs Kyndley was very grateful. "Thank you so very much," she said. "And thank **you**, Thomas, for coming to my rescue."

Thomas felt pleased that he had been able to help his friend.

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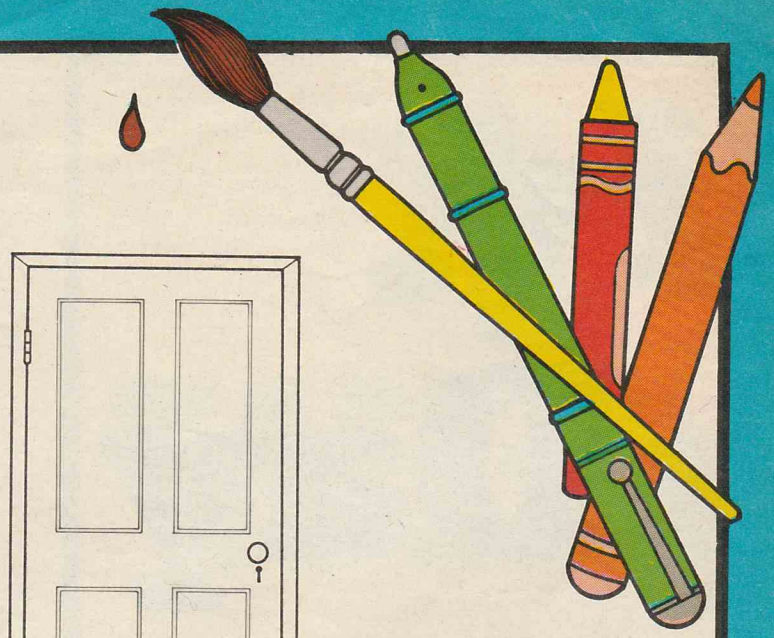
Gordon's BLUE page!



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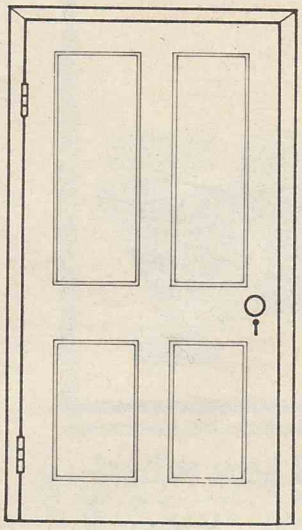

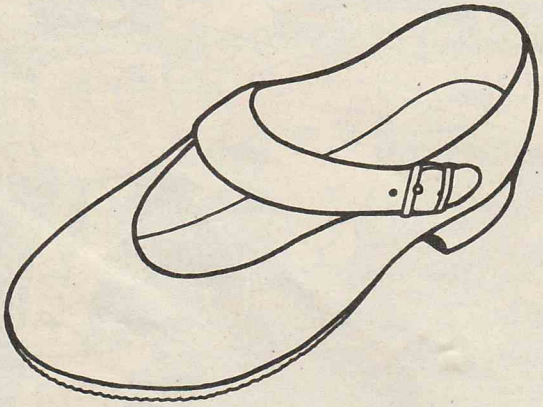

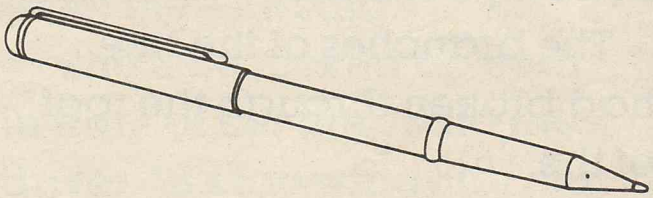

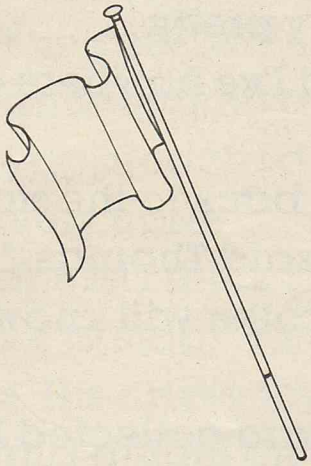

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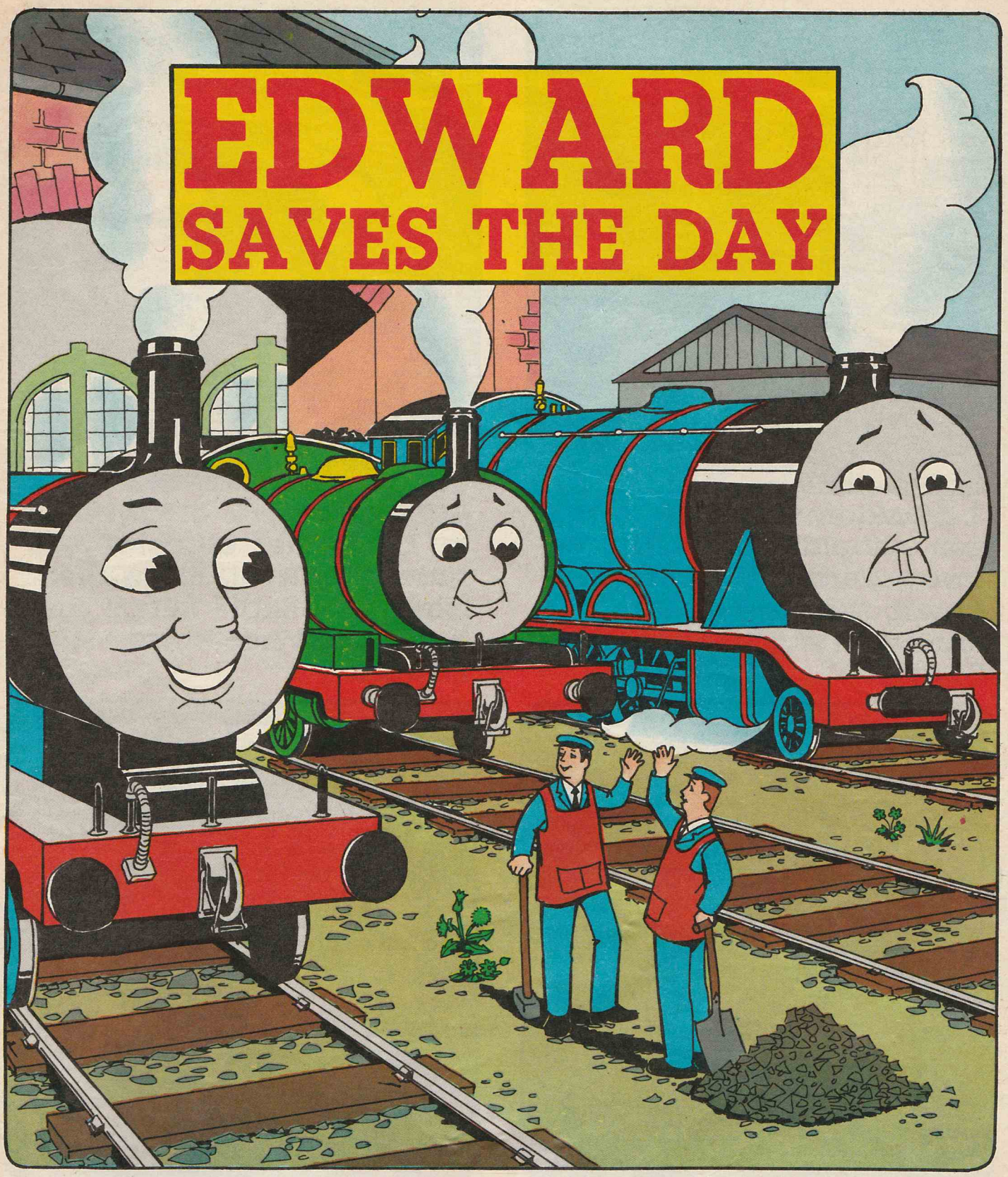
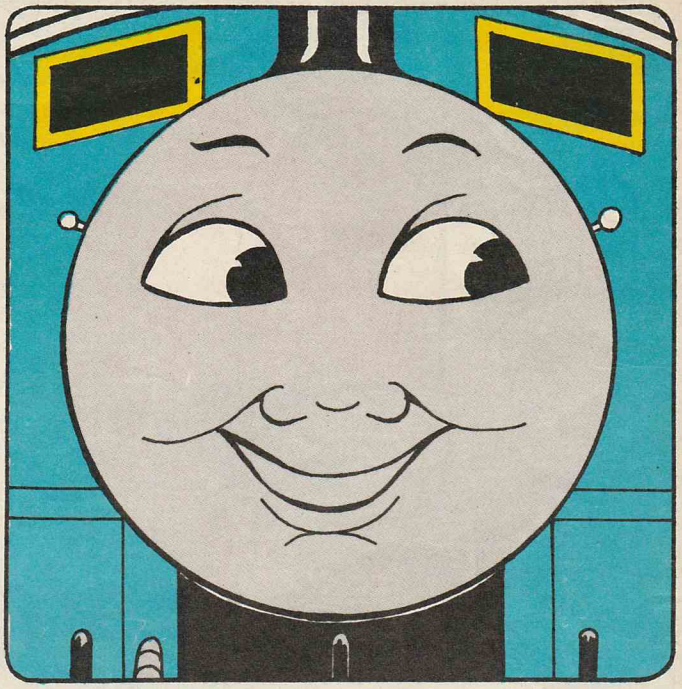


1. Edward is a kind engine. He is always ready to help anybody and always has a good word to say. He hardly ever complains. Everyone likes Edward.

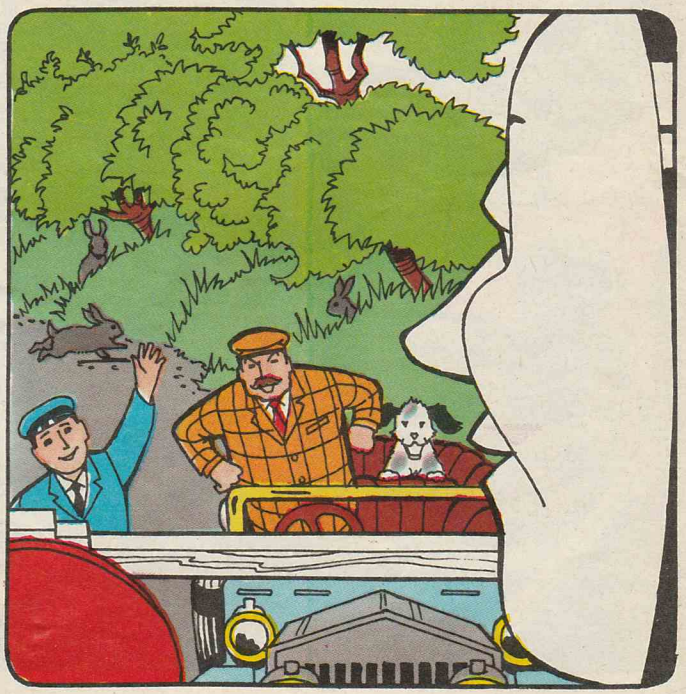
2. Edward heard the Fat Controller telling Gordon off for being rude to the man in the car. Later, Percy told Edward all about the man at the railway crossing.

3. "Gordon was right to say you should not have run away, Percy," said Edward, slowly, "but . . . I'm afraid I think your way is even worse, Gordon."

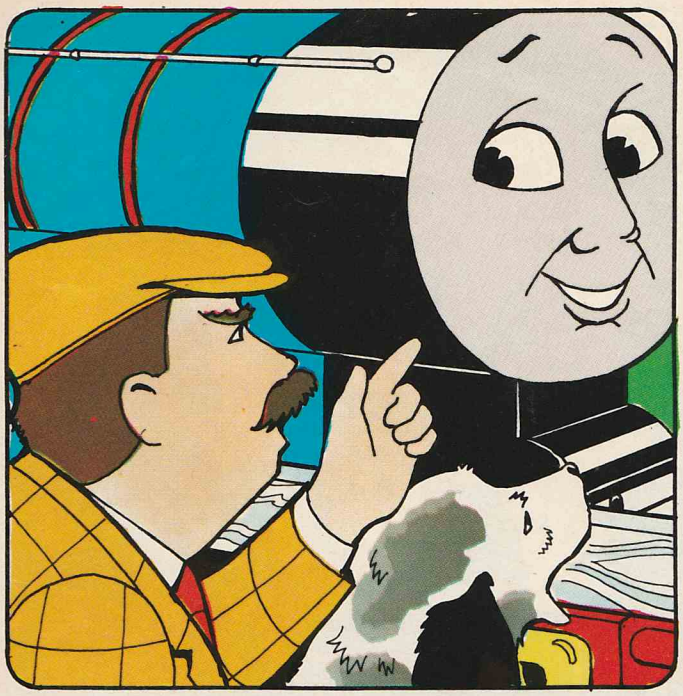


4. "You see, it is always best to be polite, especially to rude people. It calms them down so that things get better, and not worse," said Edward.

5. The next day Edward was pulling a train towards the level crossing. He saw a car waiting and guessed it was the same one that Percy and Gordon had met.



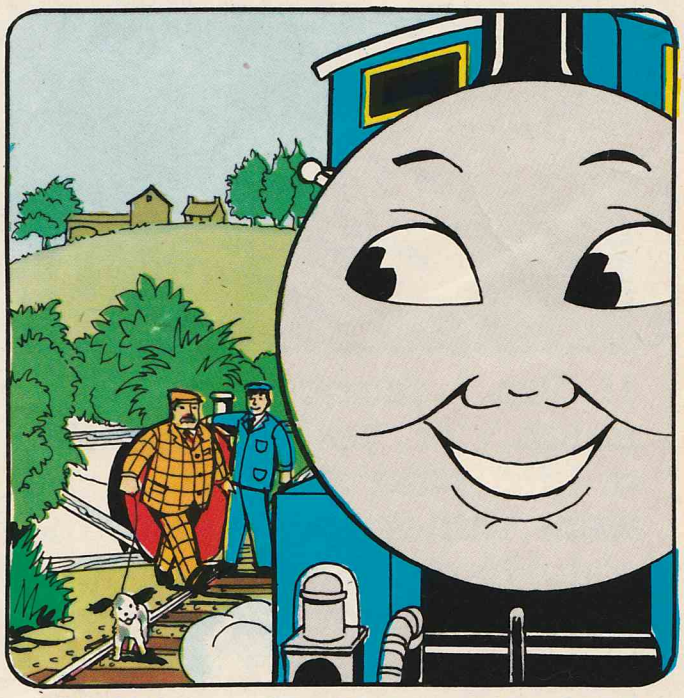
6. As Edward slowed down he said, "Good morning" to the man who operated the gates and to the car driver. The driver stood up and started to shout.



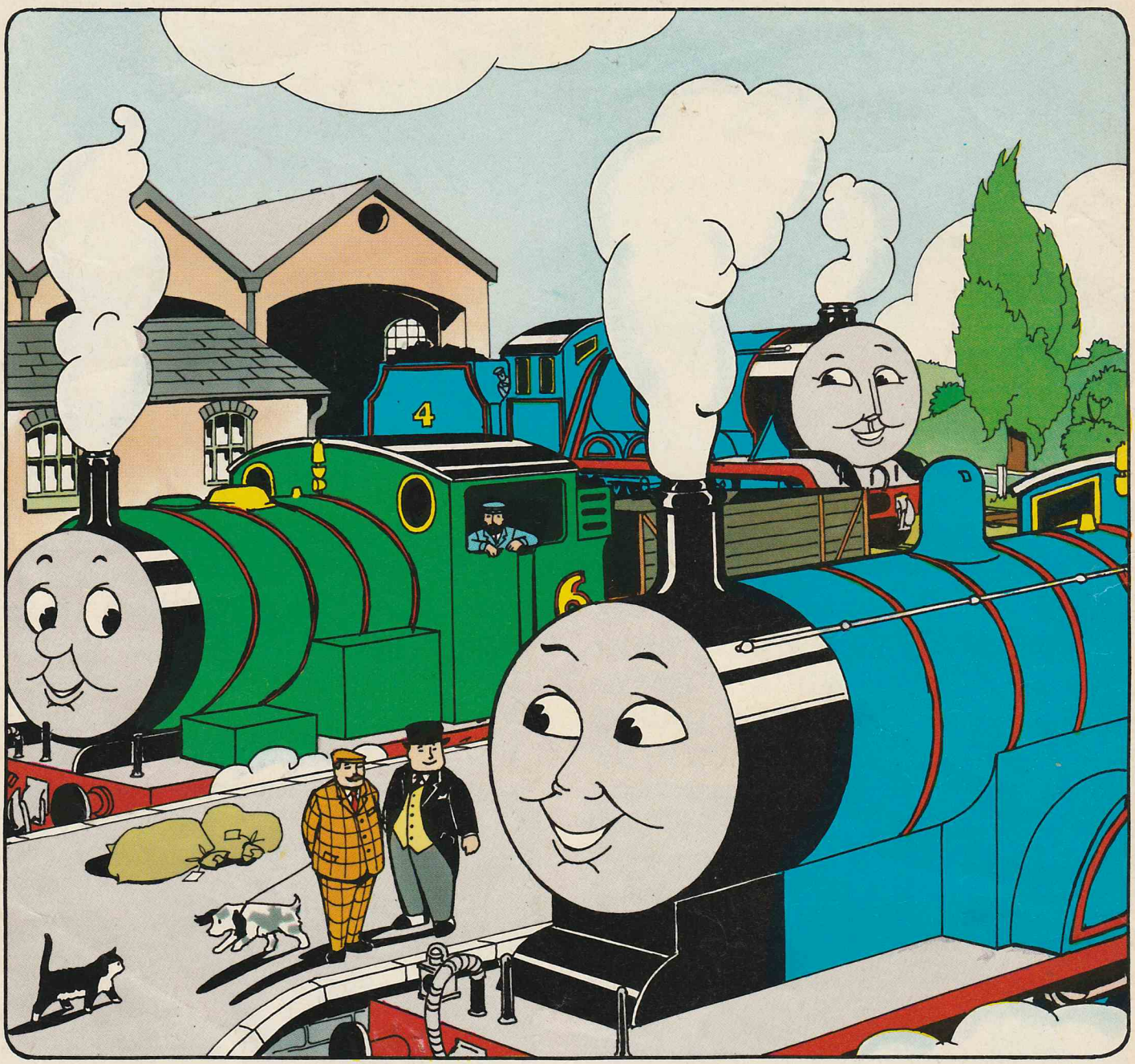
7. "Not another stupid, slow engine! Hurry along out of my way, will you?" "I am very sorry," said Edward, "I only wanted to wish you a good morning."

8. The car driver looked confused. He went rather red in the face. "Oh, er, very well then. Off you go. Goodbye," he said and sat down, looking the other way.

9. Edward pulled his train over the crossing. He was just getting up steam when he heard the driver trying to start his car but the motor would not work.

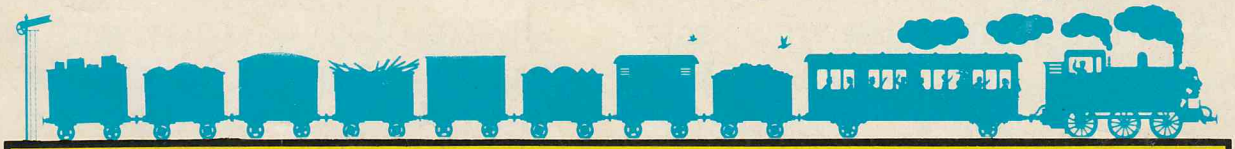


10. Edward's Driver shut off steam for a moment and turned to see if the car would start but it would not. He called out, "Excuse me, but would you like a lift?"



11. "Um, thank you very much. . .er, yes, I would like a lift," said the driver. He went rather red again and quickly climbed into one of Edward's coaches. Edward chuffed cheerfully down the line to the station.

12. At the station the car driver said, "I am sorry I was rude to you and the other engines. You have shown me that it is better to be polite." "Well done, Edward," said the Fat Controller, "You are a Really Friendly Engine!"



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